

## Farmers Bank Surplus Fund has Reached One Half its Capital Stock

**CAPITAL STOCK.....\$50,000.00**  
**SURPLUS FUND.....\$25,000.00**

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#### What is Now Being Realized.

1. Higher qualifications and better salaries for teachers.
2. More State money for the common schools.
3. Improvement in school buildings and grounds.
4. Better equipment for teaching.
5. Larger enrollment and better attendance.
6. Increased interest in every department of education.
7. A growing spirit of professionalism.
8. Closer union and greater sympathy among all educational agencies.

"Better buildings, better teachers, better schools."

#### What the Future Should Bring.

1. Good roads, larger school districts and transportation of pupils.
2. County or township high schools.
3. Greater liberality towards all educational institutions.
4. Recognition of educational training in colleges.
5. The harmonious co-operation of all educational forces.
6. Better trained teacher for country schools.
7. Improvement and enforcement of compulsory attendance laws.
8. A thorough revision of the certification laws.
9. A minimum age limit for beginning teachers.
10. Better care of the health of school children.
11. Annual county conventions of school boards.

### The Demon of the Air

is the germ of la grippe, that breathes in, brings suffering to thousands. Its after effects are weakness, nervousness, lack of appetite, energy and ambition. With disordered liver, and kidneys. The greatest need then is Electric Bitters, the splendid tonic, blood purifier and regulator of stomach, liver and kidneys. Thousands have proved that they wonderfully strengthen the nerves, build up the system and restore health and good spirits after an attack of grip. If suffering, try them. Only 50c. Perfect satisfaction guaranteed by F. T. Clay.

### Clothes Chorus Girl.

St. Louis, Mich., April 11.—A few days ago Mayor John Burns of St. Louis received a telephone message from some self-appointed female censor of the city's morals, saying a young woman was down on Main street in tights and filmy lingerie and that she was creating a furor among the male element. She advised his Honor to do his duty and clothe the brazen thing.

The Mayor, who is always on the alert to properly protect the city's morals, promptly took the matter in hand and the Marshal was instructed to locate the offending hussy. After an hour's search he failed to locate her and so reported to the Mayor, who in turn reported it back to the female Anthony Comstock. His Honor was then told that the party in abbreviated costume was a chorus girl on one of the downtown billboards, advertising a coming show.

A pot of green paint was secured and a very artistic skirt painted over the objectionable part, and Central Michigan purity remains inviolate.

As a result of the free advertising the troupe, which would probably have fared slim under ordinary conditions, was greeted by a good-sized house, and the manager would like to hire the local woman as his press agent.

### CHURCH TO TRY

#### WET ORATOR.

### The First Baptist Church of Joplin Demands That Its Member Explains Why He Gave Support to the Liquor Men.

Joplin, Mo., April.—Stephen H. Claycomb, ex-lieutenant governor of Missouri, has been ordered before the board of deacons of the First Baptist Church of Joplin to explain his course in campaigning for the saloon men in the recent prohibition contest in this city. A meeting of the church members was held last Thursday night, and Mr. Claycomb was given thirty days to prepare his defense.

In defending his action Mr. Claycomb said that the Bible is authority for the statement that wine is good for the stomach and for the health, and says nothing against the sale of liquor. "He says he will stand pat on his position on the liquor question. He attended last Thursday night's meeting and announced that he was willing to defend himself then and there.

Mr. Claycomb joined the church institution only a short while before he delivered a saloon speech in the Club Theater of this city. His brethren now maintain he helped the saloon men win the election, and they demand an explanation.

Mr. Claycomb's Club Theater talk was unusual. With an array of whisky and beer on either side of him he explained he had secured the liquor from Kansas joints.

"I would rather see Joplin have licensed saloons than an unlicensed joint," he exclaimed.

He quoted repeatedly from the Bible where reference was made to the drinking of wine and other intoxicating liquors.

In those days, he said, the Bible indicates the people had an awful thirst for mention is made of their drinking enough wine to put an ordinary man under the table.

Mr. Claycomb argued that coffee drinking did more harm than liquor drinking.

The deacons took the matter under consideration, and Mr. Claycomb was informed months ago that such steps possibly would be taken against him. About 150 men and women attended last Thursday night's session. The deacons of the church are J. F. Marlatt, J. R. Thomb, John W. Rains, J. S. Gravelle, Lee Rosenbaum, J. H. Stuart (chairman), and Clement Steele, elected to take the place of Henry How, who resigned soon after the Claycomb agitation was started.

Mr. Claycomb was lieutenant governor while David R. Francis was governor.

#### His Fee \$100—Confederate.

Beaver, Ok., April.—A young couple presented themselves to the Reverend Mr. Buckland, asking to be married. At the conclusion of the ceremony the bridegroom presented a sealed envelope to the minister, with the remark: "I hope this will make you happy."

When the clergyman opened the envelope it was found to contain \$100 in Confederate money. The newly married pair had taken a train.

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### The Butter Trust.

It has been plainly obvious for several years that the price of butter is controlled by some arbitrary system affecting the market, but few believed the control to be so centralized as is indicated in the reports from Washington, where, as a result of the investigations made by a congressional committee, the department of Justice has ordered a prosecution of the butter trust, otherwise the Elgin Board of Trade.

The evidence seems to show, however, that whether the Elgin Board of Trade directly controls the butter market of the country or not, or whether it participates in the benefits of excessive prices beyond the boundaries of a few states, it, at least, indirectly influences the prices of the whole country.

Perhaps the country now may learn why it is that in spite of improved breeding of milch cows, the scientific development of butter making, and the greatly increased production of butter, there has not been for several years even a short period of low prices on this necessity. There have been fluctuations, but only between extortionate prices in the periods of greatest scarcity and high prices at other times.

One of the most encouraging features of the proposed prosecution of the butter trust is that the makers of oleomargarine—the packers—have interested themselves in procuring evidence against the butter men. The Oleomargarine Law, a good thing in itself, has restricted the manufacturers and protected the public against imitation butter, but it also has given the makers of natural butter an opportunity to combine and

impose on the consumers. The packers ought to be good prosecutors in this case, for it is said that the butter men have used precisely the same methods for controlling butter prices that the beef trust has employed in keeping up meat prices.

### The Call of the Blood

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### Roller Lost to the Turk.

It isn't always the favorite that wins.

This much was easily demonstrated when Yussiff Mahmoud, the Turk, won from Dr. B. F. Roller, in straight falls at the Missouri Athletic club's wrestling show in Convention hall. Roller was the favorite, both with the lovers of the game and the "wise ones," and 'tis said some money changed hands at goodly odds.

Mahmout was the aggressor throughout the match and kept the doctor busy breaking away from bad holds. He finally landed the physician the first time with a double wrist lock and scissors hold after thirty minutes and thirty-five seconds of what was probably the best wrestling ever seen in this city. The doctor badly sprained his right shoulder in the first fall, but consented to go on and lost the second fall in two minutes and thirty-five seconds with an arm lock and half nelson. The arm lock came on the doctor's injured shoulder and the pain was so great he had to give up.—K. C. Post.

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